Finance (Ser.) (1925) Department

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G.O. No. 335

DATED 25-5-25

[Despatch Abstract.]

Point Quarantine Establis.

Mangalore Nurse- Revision of Pay and permanent Retention refused

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The Government of Madras,

Local Self-Government Department,

M A D R A S.

Through L.S.G.(P.H) No 12794-1 P.H 9-5-1925 L.S.G.(P.H) Dept

The District Medical Officer D.M.S.

and D/ of Finance (Marine) Coo

The Collector of South Kanara

S.CANARA COLLR'S OFFICE ... MAY 1925

Humble petition of Mrs. Martha F. Tellis, Port Quarantine Nurse, Mangalore.

Dated 30th April 1925.

Respectfully sheweth,

That the Petitioner abovenamed is the Port Quarantine Nurse attached to the Port of Mangalore.

2. That in August last year, she submitted a petition to the Collector praying inter alia that her post might be made permanent and that her pay raised to the extent compatible with the present-day conditions but the Government, in their order G.O. No. 419, Miscellaneous, dated 12-9-1924, while fixing her pay at Rs. 35 per mensem, declined to make the post permanent then. Aggrieved by this order, the Petitioner most humbly and respectfully begs to submit her hard and pitiable case for the benign consideration of the Government.

3. She was entertained in 1906, at a time when few persons were prepared to take up posts in the Plague Department on account of the great panic the people then had of plague and when even coolies had to be imported from Madras for plague work. Ever since, the Petitioner

has been doing her work assiduously to the entire satisfaction of her superior officers for the last nineteen years in different capacities, viz., (1) Examination and disinfection of clothing etc. of female passengers for plague at the Mangalore port, (2) Observation of plague cases and their contacts in the Municipality as well as in the rural areas. It is needless to emphasise what a considerable amount of hard and hazardous work coupled with dexterity, the Petitioner had to perform in those days on a comparatively low pay. Now that the plague cases and the foci of infection are fewest, it is rather hard to realise or to recall to memory the gravity of the situation then in existence.

The character of the Petitioner's work may well be gauged from the fact that she was unable to avail herself of more than three months' leave during the whole course of her 19 years' service, as on every occasion she applied for leave, her services could not be spared by her superior officers for want of suitable hands.

4. The foregoing facts will undoubtedly shew that the Petitioner, with a uniformly good record of service to her credit, merited her confirmation long ago. But as ill-luck would have it, she is still clamouring for a confirmation, when her juniors and less qualified persons have already been confirmed and have superseded her in Government service. It may be mentioned here that though the post has not been declared permanent, she is eligible for pension under article 368 of the Civil Service Regulations read with the Madras Supplement. The Petitioner's lot is further aggravated by the fact that she is a widow with two sons wholly depending on her for education and maintenance. The Petitioner regrets to add that in

these hard days when the struggle for existence is growing keener and when protests continue to be made against the inadequacy of the present scale of pay, she has been deprived of even the small relief she had been enjoying with respect to the house rent and personal allowances, which had been granted to her in recognition of her past services on the special recommendation of Mr. E. S. Lloyd, I.C.S. who was the Collector of South Kanara in 1915.

5. The Petitioner's plea for an increase of pay is by no means pretentious or preposterous. Nurses and midwives who used to get Rs. 50 and Rs. 15-1-25 respectively are now drawing Rs. 75-2½-125 and Rs. 30-2-70 respectively while the Petitioner who was formerly drawing Rs. 20 plus 10 (allowance) has not derived any substantial benefit from the general revision of pay except that her pay has been fixed at Rs. 35 with effect from 1-9-1924, the house rent and personal allowances having been abolished. She submits that the revised pay is prima facie inadequate in these hard days on a comparison with the emoluments earned by nurses and midwives. The fact that she was entertained in the Plague Department under the control of the Collector has deterred her from coming up to the standard of nurses employed in the Medical Department who are drawing decent salaries.

In conclusion, the Petitioner most respectfully prays that the Government may be pleased to take her hard case into sympathetic consideration, and in view of her past services and the facts enumerated above, to raise her pay to at least Rs. 50 and make her post permanent. If the Government are pleased to grant this prayer, the Petitioner devoutly hopes that it will decide her career and prove a great solace in her advancing age.

For which act of mercy, the Petitioner will ever remain grateful.

Martha F. Tellis.

Petitioner.

Forwarded + recommended. If applicant would appear & have justice her claims. She has always been painstaking & hardworking + has given entire satisfaction. I hope her request will meet with approval

J. Kirkwood.

Lt. Col. QMS.

Forwarded.

I endorse Col. Kirkwood's recommendation. There is no doubt that this woman has done very good work.

W. Smith
U.S.V.S.
Collector.

Post Quarantine Nurse Mangalore. Revision of pay

From The Colln. of S. Kanara & 5.5.25.

The nurse belonging to the port quarantine Establishment at Mangalore is now borne on the temporary Establishment and draws a pay of Rs 35 p.m. She has put in a petition requesting that she may be confirmed and that her pay may be enhanced to Rs 50 p.m. The request is based, and the Dt. Medical officer and the Collector recommend it, mainly on the ground of the good work done by her in the past.

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2. Permanent Retention - The question whether the post held by this nurse can be made permanent was specifically considered in september last on the recommendation of the Collector that the nurse should be confirmed and it was decided that the post should continue as temporary. The position has not changed since then. If she is continued as temporary her position need not necessarily be affected. She can, if necessary, be granted leave without extra cost during the monsoon season when she is kept on although she has little work then. - Cf

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x Cf Sub: rule 2 under F.R. 103.

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portion A of Collector's letter on page 2 of
No. 419 Fin. (Mar.) d 12.9.24. Again ~~[illegible]~~ D
~~[illegible]~~ the Local Govt. can grant
her a pension when she retires on the basis
of the provisions of art. 361A CSR. The
circumstances urged in the petition do not
seem to be sufficient justification for the
permanent retention of a post which, on
administrative grounds, should be held
on a temporary footing

3. Enhancement of the pay. In August
1924 the nurse asked for a suitable increase pages 2, 4, 5 of (D)
in her pay. The Dt Medical Officer recommended
Rs 40 and the Collector suggested Rs 35. The
Govt. sanctioned the Collector's suggestion.
The Dt Medical Officer and the Collector
now support the request for an enhanced pay of Rs 50. It seems too soon to reopen
the question especially as the request
is justified, ~~only~~ if at all, only on personal
grounds.

4. A draft order negativing both the
requests is subd for consideration.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 419 Fin. (Med.) dated 12 — 9 — 1924.

" " " " " " 192 .

READ ALSO:—

C. No. ..... From the Colr. of S. Kanara, No. ..... , dated 5-5- 1924.

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ORDER.

No. 335, dated 25-5- 1925.

Mis.

The Govt. see no sufficient reason to make permanent the post of nurse attached to the Port Health Office Mangalore, or to sanction a further Enhancement of the pay of the post.

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To.

The Colr. of S. Kanara

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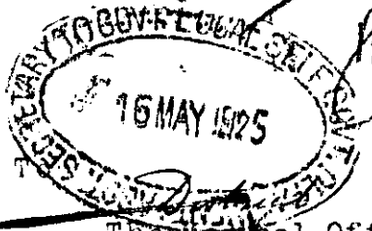

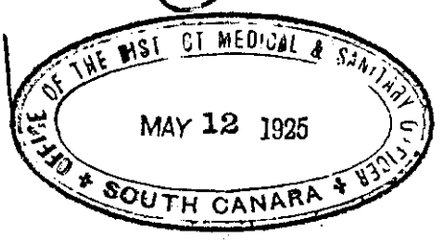

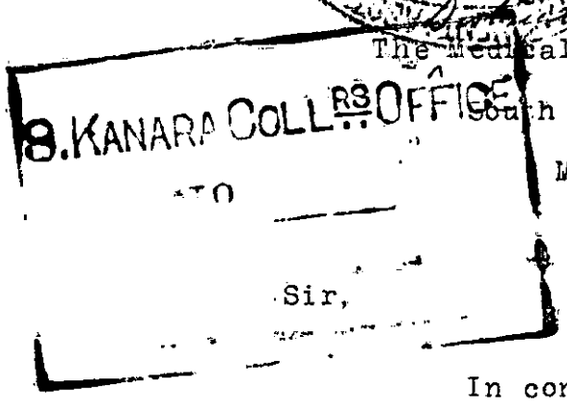

The Medical Officer

South Kanara

MANGALORE

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~~L.S.G.(P.H.) Deptt~~

~~Sanitation (Marine) Section~~

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Sir,

In continuation of my memorial dated 30th April 1925, I beg to enclose herein a copy of a testimonial given to me by Dewan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese under whom I worked for a long period, for favour of transmission to Government through the Collector of South Kanara.

L.S.G.(P.H.) Deptt

D.S. 8/5/25

Finance (Marine) Sec in

Continuation of L.S.G. No 12796-PH dt 9-5-1925

PPH 24/5 25-5-25

L.S.G. No. 13865-PH 25/5/25

MANGALORE

12th May 1925.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

your most obedient servant

Martha F. Tellis

Forwarded to the Collector of South Kanara.

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Mangalore May 1925

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J Kirkwood

Lieut-Col I.M.S.

District Medical Officer

South Kanara

Local Self Govt.

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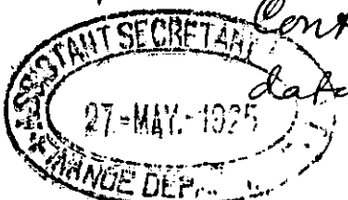

Submitted to Government in Continuation of my cr. No 3769 dated 5-5-25

Mangalore - May 1925

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Collector

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Mrs. Tellis, having applied to me for a testimonial of her work and conduct with a view to apply to Government for her confirmation in service, I have pleasure to testify that she was a plague nurse attached to the Mangalore Port Health Office, since 1906, and that I have personal knowledge of her work and conduct from 1909 to 1921 - a period of 12 years, of which for 8 years I was District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Mangalore.

Mrs. Tellis belongs to a very respectable family in Mangalore and is a pioneer among female members of her class taking to public service. She is well educated, has tact and good manners, and has performed her duties as plague nurse in an eminently satisfactory manner. She has, by her intelligence and assiduous application, picked up the essentials of nursing to a remarkable degree, and has always evinced willingness and cheerful readiness to do any additional work imposed on her in the matter of attendance on plague cases in rural areas. I strongly recommend that an exception be made in her case and she be confirmed as a nurse in the service of Government.

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5th May 1925)

Signed: V. Verghese
Chief Medical & Sanitary Officer
Cochin Government.

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Mrs Tellis's original application has been disposed of G.O. no. 335 mor dt 25-5-25. The current may be stitched with that G.O.